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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, NI  
SUBJECT: OIL: IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN U.S.

REF: (A) STATE 109426; (B) LAGOS 5228

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ECON COUNSELOR HAVING INTRODUCTORY  
MEETING WITH M.O. REYIDE, DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES,  
AUGUST 29, AND WE SUPPOSE HE MAY RAISE AGAIN QUESTION  
OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT  
WE MAY SAY ABOUT CURRENT STATUS THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON.  
END SUMMARY.

2. WE RECALL THAT ON OCCASION HIS JUNE VISIT TO U.S.  
FEYIDE SAID THAT NIGERIA'S CRITICAL REQUIREMENT IS  
FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR GRADUATES IN U.S. PETROLEUM  
INDUSTRY, AND HE SUGGESTED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE  
BY UG (REFTEL A). IN DISCUSSION HERE WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
U.S. OIL COMPANIES AVIVE IN NIGERIA, QE FOUND  
ONLY LIMITED SYMPATHY FOR FEYIDE PROPOSAL AND WE SUGGESTED  
DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS WITH U.S. PRINCIPALS  
(REFTEL B).

3. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT IN WEDNESDAY  
MEETING, NOR TO PURSUE IT IF FEYIDE RAISES IT. HOWEVER,  
SHOULD FEYIDE INTRODUCE SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE  
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HELPFUL TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT PURSUING MATTER WITH

COMPANIES, AND TO KNOW WHAT WE MAY SAY TO FEYIDE, IF ANY-  
THING, THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS CONCERN.

4. COMMENT: FYI. IN RECENT SERIES OF CONVERSATVNS  
ON THIS SUBJECT, LOCAL PHILLIPS REP SAID PHILLIPS WILL-  
ING TO TAKE 5 OR 6 GRADUATES ANNUALLY FOR IN-SERVICE  
TRAINING, BUT WOULD WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR  
TRAINING AND NOT FOR LOGISTICS, I.E., SELECTION, TRAVEL,  
HOUSING, DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES. PHILLIPS WOULD  
EXPECT ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO BEGIN WHEN TRAINEE REPORTS  
IN MORNING AND END WHEN HE LEAVES AT NIGHT. LOCAL  
GULF REP ALSO TOOK MORE POSITIVE LINE IN RECENT CON-  
VERSATIONS , INDICATING THAT GULF WILLING CONSIDER SMALL  
NUMBER TRAINEES ANNUALLY (PROBABLY 4 OR 5) ALTHOUGH  
NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. ACCORDING LOCAL REP, GULF ALSO SKEP-  
TICAL ABOUT PITFALLS INVOLVED IF IT HAS LOGISTICS RES-  
PONSIBILITY. LOCAL MOBIL REP SAYS MOBIL DETERMINED  
RESPOND TO FEYIDE'S CONCERN AND IS DISCUSSING POSSI-  
BILITIES WITH HIM. MOBIL BRINGING GENERAL MANAGER  
PROT HARCOURT REFINERY TO U.S. IN FALL FOR VISITS TO  
MOBIL REFINERIES AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH HIM TRAIN-  
ING POSSIBILITIES FOR TWO OR MORE GRADUATE ENGINEERS.  
TEXACO AND OCCIDENTIAL, IN MOST RECENT CONVERSATVNS  
APPROVIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, CONTINUED TO BE SKEPTICAL  
ABOUT KIND OF U.S. IN - SERVICE TRAINING FEYIDE WISHED,  
ALTHOUGH STRESSING THEIR CONCERN MAXIMIZE TRAINING OF  
NIGERIANS IN THEIR OWN OPERATIONS. END FYI.

5. ACTION: APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE ABLE RE-  
PLY IN TIME FOR WEDNESDAY MEETING, BUT  
DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE HELPFUL FOR FOLLOW-UP IF FEDIYE  
DOES RAISE SUBJECT.  
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